

**MONTANA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION
UTILITY DIVISION
AGENDA NO. 06-08-01**

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For Work Week Commencing: July 31, 2006
Commission Meeting: August 1, 2006, 9:00 a.m.

General Introduction This agenda is the Commission's Utility Division agenda for the work week designated. In the later part of each week (generally, Thursday by 2:00 p.m.) prior to the work week to which an agenda pertains, the agenda is posted on the public information bulletin board at the Commission offices, deposited in the mail directed to all persons who have properly requested notice by mail, emailed to all persons who have properly requested notice by email, and posted to the Public Service Commission's worldwide web site located at <http://www.psc.mt.gov>.

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9:00 a.m. Weekly Scheduling (Commission Conference Room – No Web Audio Feed)

9:30 a.m. Business (Bollinger Room)

Public Comments

Action Items All items identified below are for action at the Commission business meeting.

1. Citizens Telecommunications N2006.7.103 (Scott)

On July 12, 2006 Citizens filed Advice Letter No. MT-06-06 special promotion. In this filing Citizens is requesting to introduce a special promotion beginning August 15, 2006 and ending November 12, 2006.

Customers who accept this offer and order a Frontier Choicesm Tier Bundle will receive waivers of all installation charges. Probable Motion: Approve Citizens' Advice Letter MT-06-06 in Docket N2006.7.103.

2. Citizens Telecommunications N2006.7.104 (Scott)

On July 12, 2006 Citizens filed Advice Letter No. MT-06-07 Access Line Hunting service (ALH). The purpose of this filing is to introduce Access Line Hunting service to customers with more than one access line. Probable Motion: Approve Citizens' Advice Letter MT-06-07 in Docket N2006.7.104.

Work Sessions All items identified below are for Commission discussion or action on the day designated.

1. D2006.2.15 – Cut Bank Gas – 2006 general rate case – Discussion, direction, action on draft final order. (8/1/06)
2. D2003.4.49, D2004.4.55, D2004.5.69 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Consolidated 2003, 2004, 2005 annual monthly tracker true-ups – Discussion, direction, action on draft final order. (8/1/06)
3. D2006.7.99 – Montana-Dakota Utilities Co. – Request for a declaratory ruling and certification of an eligible renewable resource for a 31.5 Mw wind farm to be constructed by Java Wind – Discuss and act on petition. (8/1/06)
4. D2006.6.82 – NorthWestern Corporation and Babcock & Brown Infrastructure Limited, et al. – Joint Application for Approval of the Sale and Transfer of NorthWestern Corporation Pursuant to a Merger Agreement – Discuss, consider and act on Joint Petition to Intervene of Heartland Consumers Power District and South Dakota Public Power Incorporated. (8/1/06)
5. D2006.5.66 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for electric supply deferred cost account balance and projected electric supply cost - 2006-2007 electric tracker – Discuss NWE's request for interim relief. (8/1/06)
6. D2006.5.66 – NorthWestern Energy – Application for electric supply deferred cost account balance and projected electric supply cost – Discuss procedural schedule and other matters in this docket. (8/1/06)

7. Discuss Commission practice/policy on staff discovery, specifically regarding the applicability of procedural schedule deadlines to staff discovery, etc. (8/1/06)

Other Meetings

Weekly Scheduling – Will be held at 9:00 a.m. on the day of the Commission Meeting

Notice Items All items identified below are noticed for public participation purposes. Unless otherwise stated in the text of the notice, the items will be action items on the next following agenda or a subsequent agenda and participation may be had by submitting written comments to the Public Service Commission, 1701 Prospect Avenue, P.O. Box 202601, Helena, Montana, 59620-2601, within 5 calendar days following publication of this agenda. Public comments on a noticed matter may also be submitted within the required time through the PSC's web-based comment form at <http://psc.mt.gov/Consumers/comments>. Comments should reference the docket number of the matter.

1. CenturyTel N2006.7.107 (Scott)

On July 20, 2006 CenturyTel filed Transmittal No. 06-05. CenturyTel is proposing to waive the installation charges for customers moving from their current location to a new location within the company serving area who subscribe to a Simple Choice bundle. Also, the company will waive the applicable nonrecurring charges for each access line order by residential customers who previously established service with another Local Exchange Carrier and who wish to return to CenturyTel for Local Service. This promotion is scheduled to run from August 20, 2006, through October 31, 2006.

2. Qwest N2006.7.109 (Scott)

On July 24, 2006, Qwest filed Tariff Transmittal 06-12, 2006 Mid Season Promotion. Qwest is requesting to conduct an 89-day ISDN Primary Rate Service (PRS) and Digital Switched Service (DSS) promotion in Montana.

3. MCI Communications N2006.7.111 (Scott)

On July 25, 2006, MCI filed revisions to its Montana Tariff No. 2. The purpose of this filing is to make textual changes to Basic Calling Plan A Savings Plan I, II, Basic Calling Plan YY Saving Plan I, Basic Calling Plan ZZ savings Plan I and II, Basic Calling Plan HH offering B and Basic Calling Plan XX Savings Plan I and II; reduce the monthly recurring charges for integrated RLA Service.

4. YELLOWSTONE PIPE LINE CO. D2006.7.110 (JOEL)

On July 21, 2006, Yellowstone Pipe Line Co. filed an application to add their Proration Policy (this is used to allocate pipeline capacity to the shippers) in their Montana Tariffs. This will not change rates.

Protective Orders – Notice Items The Commission has received the following requests for protective order pursuant to ARM 38.2.5007. The Commission will rule on the requests no earlier than 10 days after the publication date of this agenda. Comments on the requests may be submitted at any time prior to ruling. Any person wanting a copy of a protective order request should contact the Commission at (406) 444-6199.

Protective Orders – Information Items The Commission has issued the following protective orders. These orders may be challenged pursuant to ARM 38.2.5008. Copies of these orders may be obtained by calling the Commission at (406) 444-6199

Information Items All items identified below are for information only.

New Filings Received in Past Week

N2006.7.107 – CenturyTel of Montana dba CenturyTel – Transmittal 06-05, Proposed Promotions

D2006.7.108 – Westech Energy Corporation – Application to Establish Interim Rate for Transportation Natural Gas Service, Based upon Engineering Estimates of Costs

N2006.7.109 – Qwest Corporation – Tariff Transmittal 06-12, 2006 Mid Season Promotion

D2006.7.110 – Yellowstone Pipe Line Company – Transmittal No. 8, Proposed
Tariff P.S.C. Nos. 43 and 44

D2006.7.111 – MCI Communications Services, Inc. dba Verizon Business
Services – Revisions to Montana Tariff No. 2

D2006.7.112 – Qwest Corporation and Metrocall, Inc. – Application for Approval
of Type 1 and Type 2 Paging Connection Service Agreement